

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1898.

Professor G. B. HOWES, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. A. S. Kennard and Mr. H. B. Preston were appointed Scrutineers. The following Report was read:—

“Your Council, in presenting their fifth Annual Report, have to chronicle a year of steady progress.

The Membership of the Society continues to increase, and the roll on December 31st stood as follows:—

Ordinary members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96
Corresponding members	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77
						Total	..... 173

the totals for the two preceding years having been 162 in 1896, and 158 in 1895.

During the past year sixteen new Members have been elected, and five have resigned. It is pleasant not to have to record any death amongst the Members. One Member has been transferred from the Corresponding to the Ordinary list, while two candidates awaited election at the close of the year.

The finances of the Society are still in a flourishing condition. After payment of all liabilities there remains a balance of £26 17s. 2d. in the Treasurer's hands. In addition to the above, the sum of £50 still remains invested in Metropolitan 2½ per cent. stock.

The Presidential Address was delivered on February 12th, 1897, and twenty-seven communications by fourteen authors have also been made to the Society.

Since the last Annual General Meeting three more numbers of the ‘Proceedings’ have been issued, forming the completion of Vol. II, and comprising 182 pages, including the index, title-page, contents, and list of illustrations; and containing seven plates and numerous illustrations in the text.

Your thanks are due to the following Members, who have borne a large proportion of the cost of the illustrations, or who have assisted by furnishing drawings: Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, W. T. Bednall, W. E. Collinge, J. Cosmo Melvill, R. Murdoch, H. M. Phipson, J. H. Ponsonby, E. A. Smith, H. Suter, and E. R. Sykes.

Further, your thanks are specially due to the Council of the Linnean Society, through whose kindness the Society has, as in previous years, been permitted to hold its meetings in Burlington House.

Your Council have to regret the serious loss which the Society has sustained in the retirement of Mr. E. R. Sykes from the post of Honorary Secretary, which he has so ably filled since the foundation of the Society.”

On the motion of Mr. A. S. Kennard, seconded by Mr. H. B. Preston, the above was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

The following were elected Officers and Council for the year 1898:—

President.—Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S., etc.

Vice-Presidents.—Professor G. B. Howes, LL.D., F.R.S., etc.;
J. Cosmo Melvill, M.A., F.L.S., etc.; E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.;
Dr. H. Woodward, F.R.S., etc.

Treasurer.—G. F. Harris, F.G.S., etc.

Secretary.—M. F. Woodward.

Editor.—B. B. Woodward, F.L.S., etc.

Six other Members of Council.—H. W. Monckton, F.L.S., etc.;
R. Bullen Newton, F.G.S., etc.; G. B. Sowerby, F.L.S., etc.;
E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.Z.S., etc.; Rev. R. Boog Watson, LL.D.,
F.Z.S., etc.; Lieut.-Col. L. W. Wilmer.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Retiring Officers, the Auditors, and the Scrutineers.

ORDINARY MEETING.

FRIDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1898.

Professor G. B. HOWES, LL.D., F.R.S., etc., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Landis was elected to membership of the Society.

The following communications were read:—

1. "Descriptions of two new species of *Clausilia* from the province of Che-kiang, China." By E. R. Sykes, F.Z.S., etc.
2. "List of the species of *Cataulus* found in Ceylon, with descriptions of some new Land-Shells from that Island." By E. R. Sykes, F.Z.S., etc.
3. "Notes on the genus *Coxiella*." By E. A. Smith, F.Z.S., etc.
4. "Note on *Cypræa caput-anguis*, Philippi, with the description of a new variety of *C. caput-serpentis*." By Mrs. A. F. Kenyon.

Mr. A. S. Kennard exhibited and made remarks upon additional mollusca from the Ightham Fissure.

Mr. G. B. Sowerby exhibited a new and as yet unnamed Proso-branch from South Africa; he pointed out that the animal in its radula and protoconch resembled the genus *Voluta*, but in the general character of the shell it was quite unlike that form. Mr. M. F. Woodward made some remarks upon the anatomy of this animal, pointing out its great resemblance to *Voluta*.

Specimens were exhibited in illustration of the papers read.